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Special Thank You

The family of Minister Betty Jean Sykes wishes to express their sincere gratitude for the many acts of kindness, love, and support shown during this time of bereavement. Your prayers, calls, visits, comforting words, and other expressions of sympathy have been a source of strength and comfort.

We are especially grateful to the church family, friends, and all who shared in her life and ministry. Your presence and support will always be remembered.

May God richly bless each of you for your thoughtfulness and love.

—The Sykes Family

Final Arrangements Entrusted to:

SANDERS FUNERAL HOME
806 EAST MARKET STREET
SMITHFIELD, NC 27577

A portrait of Betty Jean Sykes, a woman with short black hair and glasses, wearing a red and black plaid shirt. She is positioned in the center of the page. To her right is a framed black and white photograph of a young girl. The background is decorated with pink and white roses and a white dove in flight. The text is arranged around the portrait.

CELEBRATING
our
BELOVED

Betty Jean
SYKES

SATURDAY | MAY 9, 2026
JUNE 19, 1944 ~ MAY 4, 2026

REVIVAL DELIVERANCE CENTER | BENSON, NC
BISHOP JAMES A. BUIE, EUGOLIST

Reflection of Life



Betty Jean Sykes, 81, of Goldsboro, North Carolina, passed away on May 4, 2026 at Kindred Hospital in Greensboro NC. She was born on June 19, 1944, in Wayne County, North Carolina, to the late Mable and Leamon Sykes Sr. of Princeton, North Carolina. Betty lived a life defined by her unwavering faith, her commitment to serving the Lord, and her dedication to preaching the gospel. She was known for her sharp wit and honest spirit—never hesitating to speak the truth, whether easy or difficult to hear.

Minister Betty Sykes was a devoted member of her church and remained steadfast in her faith in Jesus Christ. She spent over 25 years working in production, where she made a meaningful and lasting impact. Beyond her professional life, Minister Betty found her greatest joy in ministry. She was a true prayer warrior who faithfully shared the Word of God, served her community through the food bank, participated in various ministerial services and loved writing poems.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mable and Leamon Sykes Sr.; two brothers, Willie Sykes and Pastor Charles Sykes; and one sister, Margie Lassiter.

She leaves to cherish her memory her sisters, Pastor Geraldine Sykes and Mable Sykes of the home, Lois Broadie (Marvin) of LaGrange, North Carolina; and her brother, Pastor Leamon Sykes Jr. (Santa Fe) of Princeton, North Carolina, along with a host of nieces and nephews, extended family, church family, and friends who will deeply miss her presence and legacy.

Minister Betty Jean Sykes will be remembered for her steadfast faith, her powerful voice in ministry, and her enduring love for God and others.



Order of Service

Presider Elder Gloria Harrington
 Prayer Elder Ann Regan
 New Testament Elder Nancy Blue
 Old Testament Elder Donna Monroe
 Musical Selection Praise Team

Remarks

Obituary / Acknowledgements Elder Kristie Harrington
 Solo Nena Dixon
 Eulogist Bishop James Buie
 Morticians Brief..... Sanders Funeral Home Smithfield, NC



This is not Goodbye

I did not want to leave you
 It was just my time to go
 I know your heart is breaking
 So, I need to let you know
 That although you can no longer see me
 I'll be forever by your side

I promise time will numb the pain.
 And help dry the tears you've cried
 You can reach me in your memories
 Just think of me, / will be there
 In your dreams, we can visit yesteryear
 Where we didn't have a care

Please carry on and live your life
 I beg of you to try
 Just know we'll meet again one day
 As this is not goodbye

By Maxine Bailey

